Smart Learning to Find Dumb Contracts
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A Artifact Appendix

A.1 Abstract

The artifact is an implementation of Deep Learning Vulnerability Analyzer (DLVA), a vulnerability detection tool for Ethereum smart contracts based on powerful deep learning techniques for sequential data adapted for bytecode. We benchmark DLVA against nine competitors.

A.2 Description & Requirements

A.2.1 Security, privacy, and ethical concerns

N/A

A.2.2 How to access

Both DLVA and DLVA_{large} are available as Docker images at https://hub.docker.com/u/dlva.

A.2.3 Hardware dependencies

The test machine is a desktop with a 12-core 3.2 GHz Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-8700 and 16 GB of memory.

A.2.4 Software dependencies

Ubuntu OS and Docker should be installed.

A.2.5 Benchmarks


A.3 Set-up

A.3.1 Installation

The instructions to install DLVA as follows: Open the terminal and enter the following command to create a “dlva folder” in the home directory: mkdir ~/dlva

- To install DLVA (trained on SolidiFI’s labels or on Slither’s labels of small-length contracts):
  1. Pull the latest version of the DLVA Docker image by running the following command:
     docker pull dlva/dlva:latest
  2. Run the DLVA Docker container with the following command:
     docker run -i -t -v ~/dlva:/DLVA_Tool/dlva/ dlva/dlva
  3. After executing the above commands, you will be inside the DLVA Docker container.

- To install DLVA_{large} (trained on Slither’s labels of large-length contracts):
  1. Pull the latest version of the DLVA_{large} Docker image by running the following command:
     docker pull dlva/dlva-large:latest
  2. Run the DLVA_{large} Docker container with the following command:
     docker run -i -t -v ~/dlva:/DLVA_Tool/dlva/ dlva/dlva-large
  3. After executing the above commands, you will be inside the DLVA_{large} Docker container.

A.3.2 Basic Test

Now, follow the command-line interface instructions to interact with DLVA Docker container.

1. Press 1 to run DLVA trained on SolidiFI labels, or press 2 to run DLVA trained on Slither labels (small contracts).

2. Enter 1 for a single contract mode, or 2 for a batch of contracts mode.

3. For a single contract mode: enter contract address e.g. 0x01f8c4e3fa3edeb29e514cba738d87ce8c09d3f or insert the bytecode in “dlva/input.bin” file at “dlva folder” then enter: b
4. For batch mode: copy the dataset file (e.g., batch.csv with "address" and "bytecode" columns) to the “dlva folder”, then enter ../dlva/batch.csv Alternatively, the user can use the provided test dataset by entering Testset10.csv. The analysis results will be written in file named “DLVA_Predictions_batch.csv” at “dlva folder”.

To test DLVA large Docker container follow the same aforementioned steps without step 1.

A.4 Evaluation workflow

A.4.1 Major Claims

(C1): DLVA performs well in practice for smart contract vulnerability detection: Figure 1 illustrates DLVA performance against nine competitors. DLVA is on the far right. We use bar-and-whiskers where star ⋆ represents the mean and plus + represents outliers. Our average Completion Rate (i.e., the percentage of contracts for which a tool produces an answer, the higher the better) is 100.0%. Our average accuracy is 99.7% (the higher the better), with a True Positive Rate (i.e., detection rate; the higher the better) of 98.7% and a False Positive Rate (i.e., false alarm rate; the lower the better) of 0.6%. Our average analysis time per contract (the graph is in log scale, lower better) is 0.2 seconds. Smart learning pays off: DLVA beats Slither on every statistic except for TPR (where it lags by 0.7%). Recall also that Slither requires source whereas DLVA needs only bytecode. This is proven by the experiment (E1) described in §4.4 whose results are illustrated/reported in Figure 1, the data underlying Figure 1 is in Tables 4, 5, and 6.

A.4.2 Experiments

(E1): 30 human-minutes + machine with 12-core and 16 GB memory + 12 GB disk

How to: Run the DLVA Docker container with the following command:

docker run -i -t -v ~:/DLVA_Tool/dlva/ dlva/dlva

Preparation: After executing the previous command, the three benchmarks A.2.5 will be downloaded automatically and saved to the “dlva folder”.

Execution: Run DLVA on the three benchmarks:

1. For Elysium benchmark:
   (a) Press 2 to select DLVA trained on Slither labels (small contracts).
   (b) then, press 2 to select the batch of contracts mode.
   (c) then, enter:
       ../dlva/Elysium_benchmark.csv

   (d) then, wait until the analysis is complete, the raw results will be stored at “dlva/DLV A_Predictions_for_Elysium_benchmark.csv”

2. For Reentrancy benchmark:
   (a) Press 2 to select DLVA trained on Slither labels (small contracts).
   (b) then, press 2 to select the batch of contracts mode.
   (c) then, enter:
       ../dlva/Reentrancy_benchmark.csv

   (d) then, wait until the analysis is complete, the raw results will be stored at “dlva/DLV A_Predictions_for_Reentrancy_benchmark.csv”

3. For SolidiFI benchmark:
   (a) Press 1 to select DLVA trained on SolidiFI labels.
   (b) then, press 2 to select the batch of contracts mode.
   (c) then, enter:
       ../dlva/SolidiFI_benchmark.csv

   (d) then, wait until the analysis is complete, the raw results will be stored at “dlva/DLV A_Predictions_for_SolidiFI_benchmark.csv”

4. Press 0 to exit from the DLVA Docker image.

Results: Enter: cd ~/dlva

then enter: pip3 install -r requirements.txt

then: python3 print_dlva_results.py that will show the DLVA results on the three benchmarks.

then: python3 print_competitors_results.py that will show the competitors results on the three benchmarks.

Open the “dlva folder”, seven files have been added: “tools_results.txt” contains the log performance for all tools based on raw data in “10_tools_files” folder, “tools_results.csv” represents the same results as a spreadsheet, and five files of “tools_predictions_benchmark.csv” contain labels of all tools for each benchmark.

The FN and FP produced numbers in this experiment should match the numbers in Tables 4, 5, and 6. Any number in Figure 1 is the average for each tool using the three benchmarks.

A.5 Version

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